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Don C. Worthington  
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Re: Comments on Notice of Tentative Approval, Morton International Inc. - Morton Salt Division, M/045/037 Grantsville Operations, Tooele County, Utah

Dear Mr. Worthington:

This letter is in response to your March 4, 1995 letter to the Division, regarding the tentative approval of the Mining and Reclamation Plan for the Morton Salt Grantsville Solar Salt Operation. Please accept my apology for the unintentional delay in providing you with this follow-up evaluation.

On March 17, 1995, Division staff, Morton Salt personnel, and you, examined the properties adjacent to Morton's main intake canal for their solar salt operations. Your property is located immediately north of, and appears to be upgradient of the main intake canal system. Your property, which is located adjacent to and north of the canal, did not show obvious evidence of salt seepage or vegetation damage that could be related to salt water seepage from the canal. It was explained that Morton was not pumping Great Salt Lake water into the canal during this inspection, and therefore, it may be appropriate to visit the site sometime during active pumping.

During the inspection you indicated some property associated with the canal right-of-way had been sold to one of the previous salt operators. At this time, it is believed that Morton owns that portion of the land encompassing the canal right-of-way crossing your property, although documentation of this has not yet been verified to us.

The Division and Morton staff also examined properties on the south side of the canal. Most of this property is apparently owned by Morton and is generally down gradient from the canal. This area did show a few areas of seepage near the canal bank and some signs of damaged vegetation on the lower lake flood plain areas. Morton staff informed us that this area has sometimes been inundated with water from the Great Salt Lake during operations, which could explain some of the vegetation damages.

Given the purpose of your letter and the information gathered during the site inspection, the Division sees no reason to delay final approval of Morton Salt's Mining and Reclamation Plan for the Grantsville Operations. The Division acknowledges your letter of concern and will conduct another



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site inspection during the active pumping season, to further evaluate the possibility of salt water seepage from the intake canal.

Thank you for your patience and your assistance during the onsite inspection. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me or Tony Gallegos here at the Division.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Wayne Hedberg".

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